Current Prices of Metals.

London, March 8, 1844.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SPELTER.—Foreign ton	0	0	0 to 23	0	0	
,, For delivery	0	0	0 — 21	0	0	
ZINC—English sheet	0	0	0 — 30	0	0	
QUICKSILVER per lb.				0	4	6
IRON—English bar, &c. per ton.				8	0	0
,, Nail rods	5	15	0 — 6	0	0	
,, Hoops	7	5	0 — 7	10	0	
,, Sheets	0	0	0 — 8	0	0	
,, Cargo in Wales	0	0	0 — 4	10	0	
,, Pig, No. 1, Wales	3	0	0 — 3	10	0	
,, No. 1, Clyde	2	6	0 — 2	0	0	
,, For., Swedish	1	0	0 — 10	10	0	
,, Russian, CCND				16	10	0
,, PSI						
STEEL—Swedish keg p. ton				18	0	0
,, ,, Faggot	0	0	0 — 18	10	0	
COPPER—English sheathing, per lb.				0	0	9¼
,, Old ditto.				0	0	8½
,, Cake p. ton	87	0	0 — 88	0	0	
,, Tile	80	0	0 — 85	0	0	
,, S. American	76	0	0 — 78	0	0	
TIN—English, blocks, &c. cwt.				3	13	0
,, bars	0	0	0 — 3	14	0	
,, Foreign, Banca	3	8	0 — 3	10	0	
,, ,, Straits	3	5	0 — 3	6	0	
,, ,, Peruvian	0	0	0 — 3	0	0	
Tin plates, No. IC. p. box	1	5	0 — 1	9	0	
,, ,, No. IX	1	11	0 — 1	15	0	
,, waster 3s. p. box less						
LEAD—Sheet milled per ton				17	15	0
,, Shot, patent	0	0	0 — 19	15	0	
,, Red				21	10	0
,, White				23	10	0
PIG-LEAD—English	0	0	0 — 17	0	0	
,, Spanish	0	0	0 — 16	10	0	
,, American	16	5	0 — 16	10	0	

The market for metals is without material change, but the quotation of bar-iron is 5s. per ton higher from Wales.—*Midland Counties Herald.*

March 15, 1844.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SPELTER—Foreign, ton	0	0	0 to 23	0	0	
,, For delivery	0	0	0 — 21	0	0	
ZINC—English sheet	0	0	0 — 30	0	0	
QUICKSILVER per lb.				0	4	6
IRON—English bar, &c. per ton.				5	0	0
,, Nail rods	0	0	0 — 5	15	0	
,, Hoops	7	5	0 — 7	10	0	
,, Sheets	0	0	0 — 8	0	0	
IRON—Cargo in Wales	0	0	0 — 4	10	0	
,, Pig, No. 1, Wales	3	0	0 — 3	10	0	
,, No. 1, Clyde	0	0	0 — 2	10	0	
,, For., Swedish	0	0	0 — 10	5	0	
,, Russian, CCND				16	10	0
,, PSI						
,, Gourieff						
STEEL—Swedish keg per ton				18	10	0
,, ,, Faggot	0	0	0 — 18	10	0	
COPPER—English sheathing per lb.				0	0	9¼
,, Old ditto.				0	0	8½
,, Cake per ton	85	0	0 — 86	0	0	
,, Tile	83	0	0 — 84	0	0	
,, S. American	0	0	0 — 77	0	0	
TIN—English, blocks, &c. cwt.				3	13	0
,, ,, bars	0	0	0 — 3	14	0	
,, Foreign, Banca	3	6	0 — 3	8	0	
,, ,, Straits	0	0	0 — 3	6	0	
,, ,, Peruvian	0	0	0 — 3	0	0	
Tin plates, No. IC. per box	1	5	0 — 1	9	0	
,, ,, No. IX	1	11	0 — 1	15	0	
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LEAD—Sheet milled per ton				17	15	0
,, Shot, patent	0	0	0 — 19	15	0	
,, Red				21	10	0
,, White				23	10	0
PIG-LEAD—English	0	0	0 — 17	0	0	
,, Spanish	0	0	0 — 16	10	0	
,, American	16	5	0 — 16	10	0	

The market for metals is advancing—British copper, Spanish lead, and spelter, being all advancing in price. The public sales of East India tin realised an advance of about 5 per cent. Bar-iron is now quoted at the advanced price of 6*l.* 15*s.* per ton for cargoes in Wales; but this price is not yet freely paid, the stocks being not yet sufficiently reduced.—*Midland Counties Herald.*

ERRATA.

Page 109, 3rd col. 10th line, for House of Lords read House of Commons.

Page 115, 2nd col. 4th line from bottom, for effectation read effectuation.

Page 126, 3rd col. 6th line from bottom, for Bosse read Bossu.

Page 115, 3rd col. 1st line, for examplars read exemplars.

Page 130, col. 4, Tenders, for "Each party taken their own quantities," read "The parties having taken their own quantities."

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

CONTRACT for the Execution of the several Works necessary to be done in the Rebuilding of Brent Bridge, and repairing Finchley Bridge, Hendon.—Clerk of the Peace, Sessions House, Clerkenwell-green. March 26.

For the Erection of a Lock-up House, at Bridlington, in the East Riding of the county of York.—Mr. G. Leeman, Clerk of the Peace, Beverley. April 6.

For the Erection of a Lock-up House, at Howden, in the East Riding of the County of York.—Mr. G. Leeman, Clerk of the Peace, Beverley. April 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—For the several works to be executed at the corner of St. John's and Bridge-streets. Mr. Clemence, Surveyor, Chesterton-road. The day for receiving Tenders not fixed.

COVENTRY.—For making Drains in South St. Nicholas-street, King-street, and Town Wall-street. Mr. T. H. Prosser, Surveyor. March 27.

COVENTRY.—For taking down several tenements and apartments in Cook-street College, Cook-street, and erecting five messuages and tenements on the site.—Dewes and Sons, Coventry. April 2.

ERECTING A NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE AND BUILDINGS, ST. AUGUSTINE, BRISTOL.—Plans, &c., at Messrs. T. Foster and Son, Architects, Park-street, Bristol. April 8, 1844.

For Concreting the Foundations of Buildings to be erected for Messrs Moses and Son, Aldgate.—Mr. J. D. Hopkins, Architect, 25, Bedford-square. March 26.

For purchase of the old brick building, situate on the west side of Bethnal-green, used as a Station-house.—R. Burlton, 18, Bethnal-green. March 25.

For putting up Pipes, Boilers, &c., for heating the new Prison, Belfast, and for supplying 700 locks.—Plans, &c., at the Office of Mr. Lanyon, Belfast; John Coates, Carrickfergus. April 10.

For works required in the enlargement of the Liverpool Workhouse.—N. Litherland, Secretary. April 16.

PREMIUM.

£150 for the best design, plans, and estimates for a Pauper Lunatic Asylum, Derby (unless the person furnishing the same be employed to superintend the execution of the works); £100 for the second best design, and £50 for that which may be considered next in merit.—Mr. Barber, Derby. April 20.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

"AN AUCTIONEER'S CLERK DESIROUS OF IMPROVING HIMSELF."—*We are not aware of the existence of any one work published containing explanations of the different manners in which builders' work is usually done, the trade names, &c., the close study of which would enable a person possessing a knowledge of mensuration, &c., but without any practical knowledge of building, to survey, and with the assistance only of a builder's price-book, to value any repairs or building-work, whether bricklaying, carpentry, painting, &c." This knowledge requires articled or apprenticship and long study. Nicholson's, Gwilt's, and Bartholomew's works will acquaint our correspondent with some of the information required by him; and in the latter two he will find catalogues of books, some of which he may like to see, which he can do at the British Museum. If our correspondent read French, he may consult Roadelet's work with advantage.*

"A LOVER OF ANTIQUITIES."—*The method of taking reversed fac-similes from monumental brasses is by procuring large paper and laying it over the work, then rubbing it all over with cord-wainer's heel-ball; the paper yielding at the engraved depths leaves those parts of the subject light, and the pressure upon the broad flat parts of the metal causes them to be dark.*

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A subscriber wishes to know whether any one of our correspondents has a perfect copy of "Gwilt's Encyclopædia of Architecture" to dispose of at a reduced price, and the price required for the same.

We should be happy to receive from our correspondent any good illustrations of "the gradations of the styles in Gothic Architecture in and about Cambridge."

We have received the letter of a Constant Subscriber, "X."

We have received the communication of "P. A. R." relative to cutting tapered pianos.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLICATION.

TO RAILWAY CONTRACTORS.—The First Number of THE RAILWAY CHRONICLE will appear on the 30th of April. A detailed Prospectus will be ready on the 30th instant, and will be sent free, by post, to all who furnish their address to the Office, 14, Wellington-street North, Strand, London.

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